[Mr. Paul Daniel.]

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any reason for not appointing any Indian Christian as Munsiff during the last 17 years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

Transfer of Women Teachers.

199. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspectress of Girls' Schools has transferred within the last three months women teachers who were working in or near their native places to distant places, and, if so, the names of such teachers and the reasons for such transfers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. A statement* containing the information required by the member for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam 1102 is laid on the table.

Widening the Channel at Kollakadavu.

200. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to investigate the question of the further removal of the natural granite obstructions at Kollakadavu in the Kulakkada river and widening the channel there, so as to prevent the too heavy and prolonged flooding of the paddy-fields and the consequent loss of crops?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

District Hospital, Shertallai.

201. MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the average number of in-patients per mensem in the District Hospital, Shertallai, and the average number of out-patients visiting the hospital every day?

(2) Are they aware—

(*a*) that this number was steadily on the increase for some time past;

(*b*) that there is not sufficient accommodation for treating the out-patients properly as in other hospitals; and

(*c*) that there is not sufficient accommodation for the growing number of in-patients in the hospital?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) (i) whether sanction has been given to put up a ceiling to the operation theatre in the Shertallai hospital;

(ii) if so, when the sanction was given;

(iii) whether the work has been executed; and

(iv) what the delay is due to;

(*b*) (i) the number of District Hospitals in the State without a compound wall; and

(ii) whether the Shertallai hospital has been provided with a compound wall?

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